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LB 275

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Wesely would move to amend the bill and the Wesely amendment is on page 231 of the Journal.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Shall I just go ahead, Mr. Speaker? Are you ready?

SPEAKER NICHOL: Yes, go ahead.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, if you do look at the amendment which is found, I guess it is on page 231 of the Journal, you will find what is really the sum and substance of LB 275. We have tried as much as we possibly can to meet the concerns of the League of Municipalities and those local municipalities that did oppose the bill in the hearing. If you look at the hearing testimony, you will find universal support from the construction industry for LB 275, but you do find opposition primarily from the City of Norfolk and also from the City of Kearney and from the League of Municipalities. Well, we did try to deal with the concerns of those individuals and those cities and what we came up with is this amendment to LB 275. I have passed out a handout. If you take a look at it, you will find it is referred to as Wesely amendments to LB 275. It briefly summarizes what this bill does. Let me tell you, it is an attempt to provide flexibility to local municipalities so that they can have great discretion in terms of what code they adopt. What we are trying to do is to understand the fact that these municipalities really don't want to change their code in many instances and we are ready to accommodate all reasonable codes in the State of Nebraska. So for the City of Norfolk which has a code, it is called the BOCA code; it's a code that is not used very widely in the State of Nebraska, but nevertheless it is like in Norfolk. We, through this amendment, would allow the City of Norfolk to keep that code having established it and adopted it already. We grandfather existing model codes in the State of Nebraska, and so we do care for that concern and we do provide for it. We also don't get into the enforcement question whatsoever in this legislation and this bill clarifies that. We make it clear that what we are